

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph, which begins at page 10, line 22, with the following, rewritten paragraph:

~~EXAMPLE 2~~ EXAMPLE 1

Materials and Methods

Patient samples

188 individuals with a personal history of cancer from St Vincent's Hospital (Sydney, NSW, Australia) and a further 50 individuals from the Victorian Clinical genetics Service (Melbourne, VIC, Australia) were included in this study. Of these individuals, 65 were mutation-negative following screening for deleterious germ-line changes in *hMSH2*, *hMLH1*, or *APC*, while 18 had hyperplastic polyposis and the remaining 155 only had a personal history of colorectal cancer.